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SUBJECT: PARK ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

1. A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT 6:45 P.M. BY DEPUTY CHIEF PROSECUTOR HUH HYUNG-KYU AT WHICH HE MADE BRIEF STATEMENT, GIST AS FOLLOWS:

2. AT 10:23 A.M. TODAY AT THE NATIONAL THEATER AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON FIRED A PISTOL AT PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG-HEE. FIRST BULLET HIT PODIUM. SECOND HIT MRS. PARK CHUNG-HEE IN HEAD. THIRD HIT MISS CHANG BONG-HWA, A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL. MISS CHANG WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL AT HOSPITAL. GUNMAN WAS HIT IN THIGH BY BULLET FROM HIS OWN GUN DURING SCUFFLE THAT ENSUED WHEN HE RESISTED ARREST. GUNMAN WAS FOUND TO BE CARRYING A JAPANESE PASSPORT.

2. SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED WHETHER ASSASSIN WAS KOREAN OR JAPANESE AND HE IDENTIFIED HIM AS A KOREAN LIVING IN JAPAN WITHOUT GIVING ANY NAME. NEXT QUESTION ASKED IF ASSASSIN WAS ACTING
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ALONE OR IN CONNECTION WITH CHOSEN SOREN (A COMMUNIST ORIENTED

ORGANIZATION IN JAPAN). QUESTIONER WENT ON TO ASK IF THE ASSASSIN PROVES TO BE CONNECTED WITH CHOSEN SOREN, WOULD ROKG DEMAND THAT JAPAN SEND ACCOMPLICES TO KOREA. PROSECUTOR REPLIED THAT KOREA HAS NO EXTRADITION AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN. HOWEVER, THE INCIDENT IS VERY SERIOUS, AND IF THE INVESTIGATION SHOWS IT TO BE NECESSARY, ROKG WILL ASK FOR JAPANESE COOPERATION.

3. EARLIER IN DAY KOREAN RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT GOVERNMENT WAS NOT PERMITTING JAPANESE NATIONALS AND KOREANS RESIDENT IN JAPAN WHO ARE IN KOREA AT PRESENT TO DEPART FROM KIMPO AIRPORT. AFTERNOON PRESS REPORTED OVER ONE HUNDRED TRAVELERS ALREADY HAD BEEN TURNED BACK BUT THAT JAPANESE DIPLOMATS AND BUSINESSMEN WITH UNQUESTIONABLE CREDENTIALS WERE EXEMPTED FROM CONTROL.
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